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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Both barreled and boxed apple prices were slightly higher this week than last on the Liverpool fruit auction Wednesday, November 27, according to a cable to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. F. A. Motz, fruit specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture in Europe. With the exception of Yorks, which were in moderate supply, boxed and barreled apple supplies were light. Supplies of Nova Scotian and Ontario apples, however, were heavy. Demand was light to moderate for American fruit, partly due to the heavy Canadian supplies and partly to the generally fair condition of the American apples. Barreled apples were still showing a large number of slacks. For the first time this year Maine Baldwins and Ben Davis were offered in sufficient quantity to be quoted on the auction.

U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  inch Yorks made the highest prices of any of that variety offered bringing from \$5.35 to \$5.84. This is considerably below the price of \$6.33 to \$6.57 paid a year ago but not strictly comparable since this week's fruit was only in fair condition. Unclassified Ben Davis brought a better price this week, \$4.62 to \$4.87, than either last week or a year ago, in each instance the fruit was not in good condition.

Extra fancy Jonathans, 150/163/175, made better prices this week than last and considerably better than a year ago. The price paid this week was around \$3.00 per box.

The London apple market was from 49 to 73 cents below the Liverpool market on an average for barreled apples. At Glasgow the supplies of barreled apples were light and demand was active. Good condition Virginia York Imperials sold at from \$4.38 to \$5.47, Virginia Staymans at about \$6.69 while Winesaps from Virginia sold around \$8.27 per barrel.

Washington Winter Nelis pears sold at from \$3.04 to \$3.53 per box or about 25 cents a box lower than last week and about 75 cents less than the same week a year ago.



## Prices paid for American fruit on the Liverpool Auction

Variety, grade and origin	Price		
	Nov 20, 1928	Nov 20, 1929	Nov 27, 1929
APPLES	BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperial, Virginia			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	6.33-6.57	-	a/5.35-5.84
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, min. ....	-	a/ 4.67	a/4.62-5.35
U.S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	-	a/4.33-4.87	a/4.87-5.35
U.S. Com. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	-	a/4.87-5.60	a/4.99-5.60
U.S. Com. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, min. ....	-	-	a/4.87-5.60
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	-	a/4.50-5.23	a/4.23-5.47
Ben Davis, Virginia			
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	b/4.01-4.14	a/ 4.44	a/4.62-4.87
Winesap, Virginia			
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	b/4.74-5.47	-	a/4.37-5.35
Baldwin, Maine			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, min. ....	-	-	5.72
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	-	-	4.99
Ben Davis, Maine			
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min. ....	-	-	a/3.65-3.71
BOXES			
Jonathan, Washington			
Ex. fancy, 188/smaller .....	2.15-2.43	2.45-2.92	a/2.43-2.55
Fancy, 188/smaller .....	1.95	2.55-2.74	a/2.25-2.55
C grade 150/163/175 .....	-	-	2.31
Ex. fancy 150/163/175 .....	2.43	2.80-2.92	3.04
Winesap, Washington			
Fancy, 188/smaller .....	2.01	-	2.55
Rome Beauty, Washington			
Fancy, 150/163/175 .....	-	-	2.43
Fancy, 188/smaller .....	-	-	2.43
Stayman, Washington			
Fancy, 150/163/175 .....	-	-	2.31
Fancy, 188/smaller .....	-	-	2.13-2.19
PEARS	BOXES		
Winter Nelis, Washington .....	3.39-4.14	3.28-3.71	3.04-3.53
Keiffer, Colorado .....	-	-	3.04-3.16
Clairgeau, California .....	-	2.92-3.04	1.70-2.31

a/ Fair condition. All quotations for good condition fruit unless otherwise noted.

b/ Poor condition.

